

MAGI-BASED ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PLAN (Insert Medicaid, CHIP, or Both) State: Medicaid & CHIP Louisiana								
Section A. Verification Procedures for Factors of Eligibility								
Eligibility Factor	Self-Attestation Accepted without Additional Verification (Y/N)	Self-Attestation Accepted with Post-Eligibility Verification (Y/N)	Electronic Data Source Used (Y/N)	Reasonable Compatibility Standard Used	Specify Reasonable Compatibility Standard for Income	Ask for a Reasonable Explanation from the Individual (Y/N)	Paper Documentation Required from the Individual (Y/N)	Comments
Income*	NO	NO	YES	Both are above, at or below the applicable income standard. Percent Threshold	10%	NO	YES	<p>Verify self- attestation through our electronic data sources. If our reasonable compatibility standards are met, no additional verification is necessary. If the individual attests to income below the applicable income standard and data sources indicate income above the applicable standard, but the difference between the two is less than 10%, the information is considered reasonably compatible. If the difference is 10% or more, we will request documentation from the individual. If individual attests to income above the applicable income standard, they are determined ineligible for Medicaid and referred for APTC through the marketplace.</p> <p>If attestation cannot be confirmed through electronic data sources due to lack of information or there is no available electronic data source, accept self- attestation.</p>
Residency	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	For the majority of cases, we will accept self- attestation. If discrepancy that effects eligibility is discovered as a result of routine system checks for other eligibility factors (i.e. income), then clear issue first with request for a reasonable explanation. Paper documentation would be last resort.

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Age (Date of Birth)	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	For the majority of cases, we will accept self-attestation. If discrepancy that effects eligibility is discovered as a result of routine system checks for other eligibility factors (i.e. income), then clear issue first with request for a reasonable explanation. Paper documentation would be last resort.
Social Security Number **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	HUB will be main source of verification. State's current electronic data sources could be used as back up. Paper documentation to clear discrepancies or when system provides no definitive data.
Citizenship **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	HUB will be main source of verification. State's current electronic data sources could be used as back up. Paper documentation to clear discrepancies or when system provides no definitive data.
Immigration Status **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	HUB will be main source of verification. State's current electronic data sources could be used as back up. Paper documentation to clear discrepancies or when system provides no definitive data.
Household Composition	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	For the majority of cases, we accept self-attestation. If discrepancy that effects eligibility is discovered as a result of routine system checks for other eligibility factors (i.e. income), then clear issue first with request for a reasonable explanation. Paper documentation would be last resort.
Pregnancy ***	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Caretaker Relative	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Medicare	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	If inconsistency, then request clarification from applicant with paper documentation as last resort.

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Application for Other Benefits	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	For the majority of cases, we will accept self-attestation. If discrepancy that affects eligibility or TPL is discovered as a result of routine system checks for other eligibility factors (i.e. income), then clear issue first with request for a reasonable explanation. Paper documentation would be last resort.
Other: (Please describe any other eligibility factors in the space below)								
TPL	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	Reasonable explanation accepted unless system clearances show otherwise. Paper documentation would be last resort. TPL is cleared at application for CHIP.
<p>* States must check electronic data sources determined useful to verify income in accordance with 42 CFR 435.948 but can be done post-enrollment. If the information obtained from electronic data sources and the information provided by or on behalf of the individual are both above, at or below the applicable income standard, the State must determine the applicant eligible or ineligible for Medicaid/CHIP. (NOTE: this option is prepopulated for the state and is not an option that can be changed).</p> <p>** States must follow statute, regulations, and guidance for verification of SSN, citizenship and immigration status including obtaining such information through the federal data services hub if available.</p> <p>*** States must accept self-attestation of pregnancy unless they have information that is not reasonably compatible with such attestation.</p>								

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Section B1. Use of Electronic Data Sources

Financial:

Electronic Data Source	Determined Useful (Y/N) ¹	Accuracy Considered (Y/N)	Timeliness Considered (Y/N)	Ability to Access Considered (Y/N)	Age of Data Considered (Y/N)	Comprehensive Considered (Y/N)	Other Criteria Used (Y/N) (Please Describe in Comments section)	Data Source Used at Application (Y/N)	Data Source Used at Renewal (Y/N)	Data Source Used Post-Enrollment (Y/N)	If Data Source Used for Post-Enrollment - Frequency Used (e.g. monthly, quarterly)	Comments
1. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Concerns continue with security issues for this electronic data source. The state has access to current data sources to verify income.
2. Social Security Administration (SSA) (SSI, Title II)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
3. State Wage Information Collection Agency (SWICA)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
4. State Unemployment Compensation	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
5. State Administered Supplementary Payment Program	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Program does not exist in Louisiana.
6. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Program no longer exist in Louisiana.
7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		State reviews specific income data and the corresponding verification code on SNAP file, not budgeting calculation.
8. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		State reviews specific income data and the corresponding verification code on TANF file, not budgeting calculation.
9. Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		State has determined this data sources of no financial use given child support is not a countable income in MAGI.
10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Do not have access.
11. Commercial database: (Pease describe any commercial databases in the space below)												
TALX-Work Number	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		The state plans to utilitze this service through the HUB.
12. Other: (Please describe any additional electronic data sources in the space below)												

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PARIS	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO		PARIS provides income verification for VA benefits, earned and unearned income. Updates to this system are only available after the individual has been certified due to our processes; as such, PARIS is primarily used at renewal.
SIEVS	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO		Collection of data which includes wage verification, old SSA/SSI history, access to WPTY, BENDEX, etc. Updates to this system are only available after the individual has been certified due to our processes; as such, SIEVS is primarily used at renewal. Houses PARIS.
1. The state marked any criterion YES if they were considered in determining the usefulness of the electronic data source; however, the determination of whether the data source was useful/not useful did not rest solely on these criteria.												

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Electronic Data Source	To Be Used (Y/N)	Social Security Number	Citizenship	Immigration Status	Residency	Age/DOB	Pregnancy	Household Composition	Caretaker Relative	Medicare	Application for other Benefits	Other	Data Source Used at Application (Y/N)	Data Source Used at Renewal (Y/N)	Data Source Used Post-Enrollment (Y/N)	If Used for Post-Enrollment Frequency Used (i.e. monthly, quarterly)	Comments
1. Social Security Administration (SSA)	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		If a discrepancy is found, State may also use SSA to verify Application for Other Benefits or Age/DOB. However, for the majority of time, self-attestation will be accepted without additional verification. Only used at renewal for Medicare.
2. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - SAVE	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		
3. Vital Statistics	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		Only used as a last resort; new system is EVVE. EVVE can be used to verify citizenship as a backup. If a discrepancy is found Louisiana may use EVVE to verify age/DOB. However, for the majority of time self-attestation will be accepted without additional verification.
4. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		No access
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		System used to clear discrepancy. Dependent on verification code noted by TANF or SNAP whether acceptable for Citizenship or Immigration status in accordance with Medicaid and CHIP rules.

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6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		System used to clear discrepancy. Dependent on verification code noted by TANF or SNAP whether acceptable for Citizenship or Immigration status in accordance with Medicaid and CHIP rules.
7. Office of Child Support Enforcement	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Cooperation issue is post enrollment through Support Enforcement Services
8. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Program does not exist in Louisiana
9. Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Not an electronic data source
10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Do not have access
11. Commercial database: <i>(Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)</i>																	
HMS-COB or (current contractor, may change with new MMIS contract)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Private Insurance verification. Cleared for insurance sensitive programs at application for programs like CHIP. HMS will clear insurance throughout the period of eligibility and automatically update our system.

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13. Other: (Please describe additional electronic data sources in the space provided below)																	
12. PARIS*	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Used to clear eligibility issues that may not be available through another electronic system such as out of State benefits, or DOD/ VA benefits. All enrollees sent through PARIS; however, information only viewed when discrepancy occurs; not routinely used for whole population. Updates to this system are only available after the individual has been certified due to our processes.
<p>* Under 42 CFR 435.945(d), all State Medicaid eligibility systems must conduct a match with PARIS for Interstate benefit information.</p> <p>If used for other purposes, please indicate in Section D.</p>																	

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Section C . Additional Factors of Eligibility for Separate CHIP						
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1. Applicant does not have other coverage	NO	NO	YES	NO	Must be Applied	Contract with HMS- COB to clear insurance issue. This also applies to the Medicaid expansion population.
2. Applicant does not have access to affordable ESI					N/A	not applicable to Louisiana
3. When child has had coverage (as applicable to states' waiting period)	NO	NO	YES	NO		Contract with HMS-COB to clear insurance issue. This only applies to separate CHIP population.
4. Access to public employee coverage	NO	NO	YES	NO		Use of Louisiana Department of Employment and Training. The Work Number if available. HMS-COB clearance of other household members. Office of Group Benefits listing of employers (PDF format). As a safeguard, the Office of Group Benefits will match the individual's employer with their employer roll and not accept enrollment if public employee coverage is available. Notification will be issued to enrollee as to ineligibility.
5a. Waiting period exception #1 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Lost insurance due to death of parent. Clear through SSA.
5b. Waiting period exception #2 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		Lost insurance due to divorce of parent. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee.
5c. Waiting period exception #3 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		COBRA ended. HMS-COB clearance.
5d. Waiting period exception #4 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		Lifetime maximum reached. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee or insurance carrier.
5e. Waiting period exception #5 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Lay-off or business closure. Dept. of Employment and Training, the Work Number, HMS- COB clearance.
5f. Waiting period exception #6 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Changed employment. Dept. of Employment and Training, the Work Number, HMS- COB clearance.
5g. Waiting period exception #7 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Employer no longer provides dependent coverage. HMS-COB clearance. Contact employer.
5h. Waiting period exception #8 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Monthly family premium exceeds 10% of gross income. Internal calculation based on available data.
5i. Waiting period exception #9 (describe):					N/A	
5j. Waiting period exception #10 (describe):					N/A	

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6. Other eligibility factors or exceptions to eligibility factors: <i>(Please describe in the space provided below)</i>						

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Section D. Additional Verification Questions			
	Question		Response
1	If paper documentation is required when a data source is not available or the information obtained from a data source is not reasonably compatible with the information provided by or on behalf of the individual, briefly describe how the state determined that establishing and using an electronic data source was not effective, considering such factors as cost and program integrity in accordance with 42 CFR 435.952(c):		Louisiana intends to use paper documentation in limited circumstances for determining eligibility: for income when electronic sources are incompatible with attestation and it would have an impact on eligibility; for citizenship if not found in SSA, EVVE, TANF or SNAP; and immigration status if not found in DHS, TANF or SNAP. Other than income, the state accepts self-attestation for many factors of eligibility and only requests paper documentation from the applicant if discrepancies are identified with internal data sources that cannot be resolved through other available data sources and a reasonable explanation from the individual.
2	Please describe how the state uses PARIS?		PARIS is primarily used when changes are reported or at renewal. A file of all active enrollees is forwarded to DCFS on a quarterly basis. Data is available in this system the following month. PARIS provides income verification for VA benefits, earned and unearned income through the Dept. of Defense from anywhere in the United States, and out of state benefits. The information concerning out of state benefits is especially useful when attempting to locate enrollees at renewal. Once an enrollee’s benefits are terminated, no updated information is received as closed enrollees are not on the quarterly file sent to DCFS. The State of Louisiana houses PARIS in our State Income Eligibility Verification System. Employees are granted access to PARIS through their request for SIEVS access and all related security issues are addressed in this manner. See Section B1- 12 and B2- 12.

	Question	Response
3	Please indicate (YES) or (NO) if the State intends to request Secretarial approval to solely use alternative data sources for financial verification other than those listed in 42 CFR 435.948 (Numbers 1-8 in Section B-1).	NO
	If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the the state meets the following requirements: 1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State, 2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay, 3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and 4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability programs.	
4	Please indicate (YES) or (NO) if the State intends to request Secretarial approval to use a mechanism other than the federal data services hub for information that is available through the hub.	NO
	If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the the state meets the following requirements: 1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State, 2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay, 3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and 4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability programs.	
5	Describe any additional MAGI-based eligibility verification policies and procedures that have not been covered in this verification plan (optional):	N/A

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